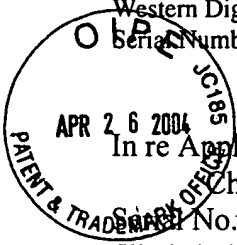


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Dear Sir,

In response to an office action mailed on 03/29/04 for the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments to the claims and consider the following remarks: